5. has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer made enquiries and ascertained from sister Elizabeth herself whether she did attend to hospital work even for a few days during the early part of Dhanu 1104 as alleged by the Civil Surgeon?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—1 to 5. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Obscene songs and slaughter of fowls in Cranganur.

127. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken with reference to the number of representations made to the Government for stopping the singing of obscene songs and the slaughter of fowls at the Kodungallur Bharani;

(b) whether in the last three years any prosecution has been made for singing obscene songs in public streets and thoroughfares;

(c) and if not, whether singing of obscene songs in public roads and thoroughfares has been permitted by the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Government have carefully considered the question and have thought it inadvisable to interfere with time-honoured customs and practices like the one in hand so inextricably connected with religious beliefs.

(b) No prosecution of the kind has been made during the last three years

(c) Government have not issued any orders in the matter.

Employment of ladies.

128. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state whether they have any objection to employ lady graduates as clerks in the Huzur Office and the other Departmental Offices in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot offer an opinion nor state anything more than that they will consider the matter when occasions actually arise.

Application from Members of Legislative Council for appointment.

129. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Members of the Second Legislative Council who have made requests either oral or written to the Government or officers for appointments in the State Service;

(b) the dates of such requests and the officers to whom the requests were made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) So far as it could be ascertained, one Member only, Mr. C. V. Kurian, the Member

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